

ATAC Euro2024 Site Visit Report Cologne

<https://www.uefa.com/euro2024/event-guide/cologne/>

The Stadium	
Stadium Name	Cologne Stadium
Stadium Capacity	43,000
Scotland Allocation	10,000
What stand? What tiers?	North Stand https://support.tickets-euro2024.uefa.com/hc/en-us/articles/10057275920540-Where-are-the-various-price-categories-located-in-the-stadium
What blocks are we in? Can you move between blocks?	Can move around stadium but restricted to seating for specific price category
What is the signage like outside for Scotland fans?	Not in place yet but stadium a very short walk from station
Is standing permitted? How strict if not?	UEFA matches are all seated
What club plays there? How old is the stadium? When did it open?	FC Köln Stadium has been refurbished many times since opening in 1923
Left luggage at stadium	Bag drop near public swimming pool at North end of stadium. Also one to the South but will be for Swiss fans

Ground Rules	
What time is kick-off?	2100
When does ground open?	1800
Match programmes?	City Programme as well as Tournament one
Which gates for Scotland fans? How many available? Can fans use any turnstile?	North East (N6). Can also access via North West corner.
What are underfoot conditions like? Are there steps? Accessibility entry?	Very flat from station to stadium.
How many security cordons? What happens at each one? Body searches?	OSP on approach between tram station and stadium. Body search, ticket check/activation.

How far from the ground is the first one?	
Anything unusual about prohibited items? Phone chargers? Coins? Belts?	Euro 2024 Stadium rules apply.
Will there be alcohol on sale in the stadium?	Yes
Any rules about flags? What size? Early access? Can flags be hung easily?	Limited spaces for displaying flags here
Will there be a holdback? How long? Announcements in English? Access to toilets and refreshments during hold back?	No holdback planned
How many refreshment areas? Cash? Card only?	Plenty concessions within OSP and stadium. Cashless.
How many male/female toilets?	Plenty

Getting to the ground	
Is there a Fan Walk Route?	Yes. This is the only opportunity for a Scotland fan walk for the three group matches. Take S12/S19 train from main station to Technologie Park and walk from outside station.
Is the Fan Walk segregated?	This will be a Scotland route to North stand. 1.2mile walk - mostly flat terrain along closed roads and directed by police. Fan meeting point at start of route on closed off road area just outside Technologie Park station. Beer stalls/concessions and toilets (approx 150 metres)
What's the best, quickest way to the stadium from city centre/drinking area?	Trams: Heumarkt to Stadium – 22 mins Neumarkt to Stadium better capacity. 1 tram = 340pers
If metro/train, what stop to get off at? How to get tickets? How much? What time do they run to?	Local travel free to match ticket holders. Plenty post-match provision for getting back into city.
If buses? What number? Where to get off? How to get tickets? How much? What time do they run to?	Trams above

Any shuttle buses? Where from? What times? Any cost? Any searches? Refreshments allowed?	No shuttle buses planned. Refreshments on transport technically not permitted but this isn't enforced on FC Köln match days.
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Fanzones & Viewing	
Where are the fanzones located?	<p>Heumarkt holds 7,500. No glass, no carry outs, fenced off, free entrance until capacity reached. Open every day. When it's a match day in Cologne 1100 to end of match. Non-Cologne match day 1300 to end of match. Four entry points – one on river side and three on opposite side.</p> <p>Tanzbrunnen on other side of Rhein. Free ferry over the river. Holds 12,500. Opens midday on match day.</p> <p>Rheinpark football experience beside Tanzbrunnen. 20 minute walk from Old Town. Three 7 aside pitches here as well as other family friendly events.</p>
Are ticketless fans allowed in?	Open to all. No left luggage at fanzone. Cologne fanzone only one to have a couple of concessions that are non-Bitburger beer.
Where can ticketless fans view the matches? Public viewings plus bars.	In addition to above fanzones there will be six screens installed along the side of the Rhein from Central Station Bridge. Capacity 50k. Not fenced in but will have access controls for capacity reasons. No glass allowed. Food, drink and toilet provision in this area.

Tickets and local laws	
Is ID required?	Photocopy or a photo on your phone are acceptable
Can you drink on the streets?	Yes. Can buy beer 24 x 7 in Cologne.

Getting around	
Metro system? Buses? How much? What times do they run?	<p>Single journeys are 3,30€ Daily tickets can be bought for 9,00€ per person or 19,00€ for up to five people. More info here.</p> <p>Public transport map shows accessible stations.</p> <p>Match ticket holders download the UEFA Fan Pass to get free local travel within 36 hour window.</p>

Access to and from airport?	Train from airport to main station
Uber or other apps? Taxis hailed on the street? Expensive? Cash or card?	Bolt, Uber, CallTaxi, TaxiRuf all in operation as well as regular local taxis.

Eating and drinking	
Where are Scotland fans likely to congregate?	Lots of bars in the Old Town. Heumarkt is where central fanzone is and there are other squares off of here at Altermarkt. Lots of bars from here down towards Rhein.
Any big bars? Popular bars? Any previous experience?	Plenty of big Brauhaus type bars in town
Any good areas for bars and restaurants?	Between old town and Rhein
Fast food chains? McDonalds? KFC?	Lots of food options to cater for all price ranges

Things to see and do	
Any other stadiums? Any sites of interest?	Cathedral. Ludwig art museum. Many other museums. Cologne Zoo. Free Weisbarth ferry over the Rhein during Euro2024 which will run for 8 or 9 hours a day.

Fans' Embassy	
Location?	Kurt-Hackenberg Platz beside cathedral and train station. Will be used by SFA match day morning and matchday -1
Police permission needed?	Official embassy site provided by Host City.
Flags ok?	

Embassy and Authorities	
Address? Number? Emergency contact? How long to get passport and nearest Embassy	Embassy will publish details closer to match
Where would any arrested fans get taken? Same as at	Don't be a Nigel

match?	
Detention time for minor offences? Legal assistance available?	Will issue separate list of German crimes. Cannot state strongly enough that Hitler salutes and similar are extremely major offences throughout Germany.
Nearest hospital to ground? Nearest hospital in City Centre?	Didn't ask

Ticket collection point	
Where? Times? How many stewards?	Not applicable